

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 4 Week 7

24th November
2009

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Over the weekend I coached an Otago cricket team that played a game in Gore. On the trip there and back I had a chance to reflect on why the day had been so successful. Yes, it helped that we won, but I have had successful days when the boys have lost. Why the day was so successful was that I was dealing with a group of motivated and focused young men, who were working together towards a common goal. They played as a team, and related to each other as a supportive group. But they also were well supported by their families and so there was a real sense of community and mutual support.

Does this sound familiar? It is as I see our school: a group of young people, with watchful guidance working towards a common vision, well supported by their families and mentors. As they say "it takes a village to raise a child".

Enrolments

It is that time of the year when I am busy planning for next year, and to help me at this end I would appreciate knowing of any enrolments that are pending for 2010. So if you have a child who will start school during 2010 or you know of any other children intending to enrol could you please contact the school office and make an appointment to meet me? This will help greatly with planning for 2010.

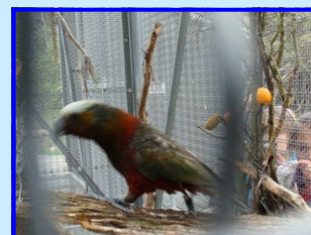
Have a great week.

Regards, Mike Brosnahan

Blyth and Lewis Middleton with the planter boxes that have been replanted and moved thanks to Elsie and Graham Middleton



Room 4 Orokonui Trip



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Final Accounts

Recently the final accounts for the school have been sent out, and we would be grateful if you could pay these at your earliest convenience. This would enable us to ensure that all financial matters pertaining to the school are settled by the end of the year.

Senior Swimming

The accounts for senior swimming were included in this invoice. The cost was negotiated with Swimsation on a 'total cost' basis, that is the charge was for one block of nine lessons, not on a charge per lesson. This group price was then heavily subsidized (nearly 50%) by Sport Otago 'Skills 2 Swim' programme.

If you require further clarification please contact Pauline at the office.

Altar Servers: 29th November

Ashleigh & Olivia Hammer, Tayla Anderson, & Alysha Beattie.

Calendar Orders will go home today. Children are working the art in their classrooms. The cost is Calendar \$8.50 each, or Cards - \$9 per pack. Orders due in by next **Monday 30th November**.

Looking Ahead: Term 4 November

25th Room 7 Beach Ed Day
26th Rooms 3 & 4 Beach Ed Day
27th Rooms 1 & 2 Beach Ed Day
30th **No** Smart Lunches - moving premises

December

2nd First Reconciliation 7pm Holy Cross
3rd Mufti Day
10th BOT Meeting 7.30pm
14th School Production Matinee
14th Kavanagh Pantomime 9am
15th PTA -Thank you BBQ lunch provided for children
Yr7/8 DARE Day
16th School Production 7pm
17th End of Year Mass **6pm***
18th Teacher Only Day

Thank You

A big thank you to Elsie, Graham and the rest of the Middleton family for turning our unattractive old planters into bright attractive show pieces - many thanks.

Also a huge thank you to Christina Cochrane, Rachel Morris, Kate Grindley, Jacqui Hammer and Desiree Crooks. These ladies catered for two functions over three nights and working long hours, raised a large amount of money for our school. Acts of selfless generosity like these are what makes our school special and such a huge success - so once again, thank you.



Working Bee

The Board of Trustees Property subcommittee would like to



organize a final working bee for the year. This will leave our ground looking tidy and neat over what promises to be a long hot summer. So if you can help please be at St Mary's School this **Sunday 29th November** between 11am and 2pm.

Brooms and rakes would be useful.

Thought for the Week ...

He who influences the thought of his times influences the times that follow.

Elbert Hubbard

School T Shirt Stock Take



So as to ascertain whether we need to purchase a new set of school sports T-shirts, we need to have a stock take of all the current number of T-shirts that we hold. To this end we need all pupils who **do not** play a summer sport for our school e.g, touch or T-ball, to **return their T-shirts to their class teacher** as soon as possible.

Pupils who are playing a summer sport but have more than one T-shirt need to select the one that fits them best and return the other(s) to their class teacher. Once summer sports are finished for the year all remaining T-shirts need to be handed in.